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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, please amend the captioned application as follows:

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace the paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 13 through line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:*

A / On the other hand, "soft" handover techniques may be employed in Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) type cellular systems. CDMA is an increasingly popular type of access for cellular communications because a higher spectrum efficiency is achieved compared to FDMA and TDMA techniques which means that more cellular users and/or services can be supported. In addition, a common frequency band allows simultaneous communication between a user equipment unit (UE) and plural base stations. Signals occupying the common frequency band are discriminated at the receiving station through spread spectrum CDMA waveform properties based on the use of a high speed, pseudo-noise (PN) code. These high speed PN codes are used to modulate signals transmitted